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HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2005

IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Prices paid to beekeepers for extracted, unprocessed honey in major producing states by packers, handlers & other large users, cents per pound, f.o.b. or delivered nearby, containers exchanged or returned, prompt delivery & payment unless otherwise stated.

- REPORT INCLUDES BOTH NEW AND OLD CROP HONEY -

ARKANSAS – Soybean, light amber, 62¢

CALIFORNIA – Buckwheat, light amber, 67¢
- Clover, white 72¢ --- extra light amber, 72¢
- Cotton, light amber, 59 - 67¢
- Cotton/Alfalfa, extra light & light amber, 64¢
- Mixed Flowers, light amber, 59¢
- Orange, white, 84 - 85¢
- Sage, white, 84 - 85¢
- Sunflower, extra light amber, 67¢

FLORIDA – Saw Palmetto, extra light amber, 86¢

MINNESOTA – Basswood/Lindon/Mint, white, 75¢
- Clover, white, 75¢ --- extra light amber, 70¢
- Clover, light amber, 60¢

MISSISSIPPI – Chinese Tallow, light amber, 60¢
- Gallberry, light amber, 65¢
- Melter Honey, dark amber, 59¢
- Wildflower, extra light amber, 70¢
- Wildflower, light amber, 60 - 62¢
- Wildflower, amber, 60¢ (small lot)

MONTANA – Alfalfa, extra light amber, 68¢
- Clover, white, 73 - 85¢
- Clover, white, \$1.00 (previous commitment)

NORTH DAKOTA – Alfalfa, white, 73¢
- Clover, white, 73 - 74¢ --- extra light amber, 73¢
- Sunflower, extra light amber, 68-70¢
- Sunflower, light amber, 70¢

OHIO – Clover, white, 74¢ --- Clover, light amber, 61¢

OKLAHOMA – Mixed Flowers, light amber, 60¢

OREGON – Clover, white & extra light amber, 73¢

SOUTH DAKOTA – Sunflower, light amber, 65¢

TEXAS – Chinese Tallow, light amber, 57¢
- Cotton, extra light amber, 72¢
- Mesquite, light amber, 63¢ 60¢

WASHINGTON – Alfalfa, white, 73¢

WYOMING – Clover/Alfalfa, white, \$1.00

Prices paid to Canadian beekeepers for unprocessed bulk honey by packers & importers in U.S. currency, f.o.b. shipping point, containers included unless otherwise stated. Duty & crossing charges extra. Cents per pound.

ALBERTA – Clover, white, 80¢
PROVINCE NOT REPORTED –
- Canola, white, 71 - 72¢
- Clover, white, 79¢

Prices paid to importers for bulk honey, duty paid, containers included, cents per pound ex-dock or point of entry unless otherwise stated.

EAST COAST - - -
ARGENTINA – Clover, white, 78¢
ARGENTINA – Mixed Flowers, white, 58 - 62¢
- Mixed Flowers, extra light amber, 58 - 62¢

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**NATIONAL HONEY CHECKOFF PROGRAM RULED CONSTITUTIONAL –  
HONEY PROMOTION PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE**  
(Press Release from National Honey Board)

The National Honey Checkoff program was recently ruled constitutional by U.S. Department of Agriculture Administrative Law Judge Jull S. Clifton, whose decision supported the National Honey Board and denied petitioner's claims.

"This ruling is great news for honey producers and the honey industry," said National Honey Board Chairman Lee Heine, a Wisconsin honey producer. "We need to continue conducting the many successful and innovative honey market development and research programs funded through the checkoff dollars."

The honey checkoff program was launched in 1987 based on the Honey Research, Promotion and Consumer Information Act and Order to help maintain and increase demand for honey through research, marketing and promotional programs. In several referendums conducted since 1987, U. S. honey producers and importers have voted to continue the program.

In May of this year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the national beef checkoff program was constitutional, overturning lower court decisions. In addition, the national watermelon checkoff program was recently ruled as constitutional.

**COLONY, HONEY PLANT AND MARKET CONDITIONS DURING SEPTEMBER, 2005**

**APPALACHIAN DISTRICT (MD, PA, VA, WV)** - - - September passed with beautiful weather for most of the month and unfortunately very little rainfall. The area remains dry; however, this didn't affect the bees as much as with the fall bloom and nice weather bees were able to build winter honey stores after a disappointing summer honey production. The District is very dry as golden rod, fall aster, joe pye-weed, and various other fall wildflowers bloom for available nectar supplies. Adequate rainfall is sorely needed. Colonies seem to be in much better health with very little disease and insect problems reported.

Beekeepers reported good sales and slightly higher prices of lighter than normal honey supplies at farmers markets and stores this season.

**ARIZONA** - - - Average temperatures generally were well above normal for most of the month in all parts of the state. Rainfall was scattered but fell in most areas. Moisture levels continue to be above normal for the year generally in all parts of the state. Bees worked desert plants and melon bloom late in the month.

**ARKANSAS** - - - Pollen and nectar sources received during September were from soybeans, cotton, vines, and smartweed. Later rainfall may allow nectar collection from goldenrod asters, and Spanish needles. Beekeepers are in peak harvest period for the year. Honey production likely better than last season by 10-15%. Some areas are much better with other location around the state only average. The dry sunny weather allowed better nectar collection than the last two seasons. Retail sales starting to pick up with cooler weather. Wholesale sales remain slow.

**CALIFORNIA** - - - Cooler conditions finally began to overspread Southern California. On the 6<sup>th</sup>, 52 degrees was recorded along the coast while 45 and 44 degrees were recorded on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> near San Diego. Cool temperatures continued for another week with temperatures as much as 10 degrees below normal. Heavy showers moved across parts of Southern California on the 20<sup>th</sup> bringing daily-record totals of .80" in Lancaster and .29" in downtown Los Angeles. The chilly temperatures began to move northward and brought a daily-record low of 53 degrees on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in Oakland. The heat returned the last of September along with very dry air. Large variations in temperatures were recorded on the 28<sup>th</sup> in San Diego County. In one day, they went from a record high of 101 degrees to a record low of 44 degrees. The weather also hampered efforts to fight the 24,000 acre wildfire in Chatsworth.

Most hobbyist have completed harvest of this years crop while commercial beekeepers continue to extract their honey. This years crop is turning out to be about to slightly below average. A very hot and dry July and August dried up floral sources which is too blame for the mediocre crop. The bees are reported to be in fairly good condition but treatments were added as soon as the honey was taken off. They were still gathering a little pollen from bluecurl and tarweed but most beekeepers don't expect the bees to bring in enough to keep them fed for very long so honey was left on or supplemental feed was added. Beekeepers are doing what they can to keep their bees healthy so they won't find themselves short for almond pollination later. As the colonies were readied for winter, some were moved to the foothills and mountain locations.

Some packers reported they purchased only limited amounts of honey during September which is fairly normal as beekeepers are still busy with harvest. They hope sales will pick up as more fall-like weather begins. Some beekeepers are also holding their honey because of low prices.

**COLORADO** - - - Most colonies are reported to be in good condition. Some indicate they'll be treating for mites in the near future. Honey production was average this season. Colorado beekeepers are in the process of pulling "supers" and extracting honey.

**GEORGIA** - - - Colonies around the state were in mostly good condition. Statewide, colonies were being fed sugar or corn syrup as needed. During latter September, goldenrod served as a modest source of pollen and nectar but in most cases was not sufficient by itself in providing food for the colonies. By the end of summer, extraction of honey was completed after which many beekeepers treated with Apistan strips and antibiotics to prevent outbreaks of Varroa Mites and American Foul Brood respectively. By the end of the month, drones were starting to be killed off and colony populations continued to decline from summer highs. Beekeepers in Georgia are expressing concern over sightings of Africanized bees of significant number in the Tampa Florida area with the fear of eventual spread into Georgia. Statewide weather for September featured warm to hot days and mild to warm nights with moisture levels on the dry side for most of the month.

**IDAHO** - - - Most honey producers report colonies are in excellent condition. Honey production has been average. Most operations have pulled the "supers" from their hives, and are in the process of extracting honey at this time. Most of Idaho's bees will stay in state until late November before they go to California for the winter.

**ILLINOIS** - - - Beekeepers were treating their colonies for mites & preparing for overwintering. Most colonies are heading into fall in good condition. The fall festivals were well attended & beekeepers were well pleased with the good demand for comb & strained honey. Honey yields varied from as the north central area reported an above average honey crop to areas on the western parts of the State where honey production was disappointing. Western section beekeepers started feeding their bees as honey stores were very light.

Some encouraging news from central and southern areas. The wild honeybees have been reappearing in bee trees and heavy swarming was reported. This has not been seen for many years as the mites had virtually swiped out the untreated honeybees.

Precipitation was very limited in northern sections but some frequent fall rains had eased the summer drought.

Some bees were working aster and goldenrod bloom as some rainfall produced a good floral source. Other plants in bloom were coreopsis, salvia, lironite, butterfly bush and basil bloom.

Bulk honey movement was slow due to most beekeepers selling at fall festivals where demand was good.

**INDIANA** - - - Beekeepers made final preparations for overwintering. Colonies were in good condition going into winter. The addition of fall mite treatments was good due to cooler seasonal weather returning the last of the month. Fall rains aided in late bloom of wild flowers and many floral sources which had not bloomed this past summer due to the heat and dry conditions. Coreopsis, salvia, liroite, butterfly bush was noted as late blooming this year. Goldenrod and Aster were good sources as fall temperatures and adequate rainfall produced an excellent crop. Most beekeepers were well pleased with the colonies strength; however, many areas of the State began supplemental feeding activities.

Honey demand was good due to fall festivals and good roadside farm stand brisk sales. Bulk movement was reported slow.

**KENTUCKY** - - - The drought in July and August hurt what looked to be a great year. Fortunately rain from Hurricane Katrina reached us in early September and that helped us with a fall flow. Beekeepers are saving stores for winter feeding. Bees are collecting nectar & pollen from goldenrod & asters.

Up until mid-September, we continued to hear of unusual numbers of large swarms. Some of this swarming may be a result of beekeepers feeding hives that were short on honey stores. By feeding, beekeepers create an artificial nectar flow, and swarming can result

**MICHIGAN** - - - Hot and dry conditions were reported across the state, temperatures were 5 degree above average. Rainfall was spotty from 1-3 inches in some areas to very little measurable rainfall in others. A few beekeepers reported colonies in need of supplemental feeding. Nectar sources include goldenrod and aster. Most beekeepers are wrapping up extraction activities. Demand for honey has been good.

**MINNESOTA** - - - Most colonies are reported to be in good condition. Honey production has been average. Most operations have pulled the "supers" from their hives, and are in the process of extracting honey at this time.

**MONTANA** - - - Early during the month of September, a surge of warm air in advance of a cold front brought daily record high temperatures to Glasgow and Billings MT. on September 9<sup>th</sup> of 96 and 95 degrees F respectively. A day later, Wisdom MT. received a record snowfall for the date, followed by a daily-record low of 15 degrees F on September 11<sup>th</sup>. During this 72-hour period, daily-record rainfall totals in Montana for September 10 included 1.35 inches in Cut Bank and 1.14 inches in Kalispell. The weather generally moderated for much of the remainder of the month with temperatures seasonally normal to slightly below normal with moderate precipitation. By month's end, topsoil moisture contents were rated 26% adequate, 47% short, and 27% very short. For the month, Montana colonies were reported in generally good condition. As the month ended, beekeepers were making transportation plans for returning rented colonies and shipping over wintering colonies to California.

**NEW ENGLAND** - - - New England beekeepers reported experiencing continued humid, hot and dry weather conditions for the month of September. Some late in the month thunderstorms produced spotty rainfall throughout the region. Early drought conditions have given way to cool overnight temperatures with daytime temperatures returning to near normal. However, continued dry weather with very little rainfall accumulation has been the norm for the entire region.

These weather conditions have resulted in creating sporadic nectar flow. The main nectar floral sources have been sedum (stonecrop), buckwheat, Indian silk, Chinese bamboo, aster, golden rod, wildflowers and knotweed (fallopia). Fall nectar sources are quickly drying up with the advent of colder weather.

Beekeepers reported that colonies struggled to build populations and produce honey beyond what is necessary for winter survival. Many beekeepers are leaving what little honey there is for the bees to live off of over the winter months. Most hives are showing good stores in the main hive body.

Several issues to note are that there were not many swarms this year, but there were not a lot of older established hives to issue swarms. Additionally bee inspectors have revealed that Varroa Mites were at a low level this summer.

Starting this month honey harvesting and extracting has gotten underway. In several sections of the region beekeepers reported that extraction of their honey crop was yielding higher than expected amounts considering the dry summer. However, fall honey flow is expected to be a shorter deal than normal. Many beekeepers indicate that they will surpass last years yields with the average New England colony producing 60 to 80 pounds (or higher) this year. Additionally to note is that the Russian species has reportedly been the best honey producer with beekeepers that have been successful with good honey production numbers.

Natural honey demand via the local roadside stands and farm marketing outlets for the most part is greater than the supply at present with prices unchanged at \$4.00-5.00 mostly \$5.00 lb with the usual active fall demand about to kick in.

**NEW YORK** - - - Colonies were reported in excellent condition and well stocked. Rain from Hurricane Katrina brought adequate moisture for bees and foliage across the state as a result, beekeepers expecting a very good crop this year. Nectar sources included goldenrod and aster. Beekeepers are busy with extraction activities. Demand at the local farmers markets is excellent. Demand by commercial packers is good. Honey prices were 65 cent per pound with few sales reported up to 85 cent.

**NORTH CAROLINA** - - - The month of September was drier and warmer than normal in the mountains, and the eastern part of the state was hit with a Category 1 storm, Ophelia. Some areas received high winds and as much as 18 inches of rain along the coastal area, but overall caused minimal damage.

North Carolina continues to hold beekeeping schools around the state, in order to encourage more beekeepers. Apiary officials and beekeepers have just finished working with the Mountain State Fair and are preparing to work with the State Fair in Raleigh this month. Also, beekeepers continue to check their colonies for mite problems. Bees have been working goldenrod, Spanish needle and some aster. With the expectation of a good fall season, many beekeepers are anticipating good honey sales during the month of October.

**NORTH & SOUTH DAKOTA** - - - September began with record-setting high temperatures across the northern plains. Pierre, South Dakota hit a high of 104 degrees on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. A few rainshowers and thunderstorms were found in some areas but temperatures were still as much as 12 degrees above normal. Parts of South Dakota did receive as much as 3.77" and 4.21" of rain from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>. Temperatures were still as much as 5 degrees above normal in South Dakota the third week in September but precipitation was reported in 39 of the 43 reporting stations. During the same week, North Dakota saw fall-like conditions. Strong storms moved across the eastern portion of the State. The month ended with variable conditions. The first few days, temperatures returned to above normal with Pinkstown, South Dakota recording a high of 97 degrees. Conditions returned to near normal to finish the month.

The bees are reported to be better condition than the same time last year. Mite counts are down considerable as vigilant beekeepers kept a close watch on their colonies all summer and added treatments when necessary. The honey flow basically ended the middle of September even though the alfalfa continued to bloom. Some pesticide losses were reported where hives were set near sunflower fields and beekeepers were not notified that the fields were being sprayed.

Extraction of this years honey crop was winding down the end of September. Averages seemed to be running 90-100 pounds but in some locations, the crop is much higher. Nucs were added to fill the hives and feeding will begin in October.

**OHIO** - - - Near drought conditions were reported across the state with very little rainfall. Supplemental feeding has been necessary due to the lack of moisture. Colonies were reported in less than favorable condition with moderate nectar flow. Beekeepers applied mite treatment to hives due infestation with small hive beetle. Most beekeepers were finished with extraction activities. Nectar sources include goldenrod and alfalfa. Demand for honey by commercial packers is good. Local farm market prices have held good for the beekeepers.

**OKLAHOMA** - - - In Oklahoma, pollen and nectar sources received during September were many different types of floral. In the middle of September there was a strong presents of wax moth problems, but with the dampness bees came back strong and cleared up their hives. Weather conditions were hot, very wet and then back to the 90s. Bees tended to be agitated with the heat but with the fall blooms underway and cooler temperatures the bees calmed down. The honey flow provided a surplus for several producers. Demand for honey is greater than the supply at present. Interest to beekeepers is the Oklahoma Section 18 Api Life for Varroa Mites effective September 19, 2005 to December 1, 2005.

In Northern Oklahoma pollen and nectar sources during the month of September were golden rod and broom weed. Colonies remain in good condition. With little rain and very hot and dry temperatures, there was no honey production. Supplies and demand for honey are less than normal.

**SOUTH CAROLINA** - - - Colonies across the state were reported to be in poor conditions during the month of September. Dry weather conditions have bee populations across the state down. Beekeepers from across the state have reported losing colonies mainly due to a combination of poor moisture conditions and parasitism. At the start of the month some keepers in the lower part of the state extracted some Cotton honey. Now no honey is being extracted. The majority of hive stores have expired and bees are being fed. Floral sources during the month of September were almost nonexistent, but sparsely consisted of Aster & Goldenrod.

**TENNESSEE** - - - Honeybees have done well as of late, due to recent moisture. Bees seem to really be putting up a lot of fall nectar and pollen off of aster and goldenrod. Late spring and summer droughts slowed our honey fows down and decreased harvests. Many producers are reporting queen problems and large fall swarms. This may be due to our excellent fall flow.

**TEXAS** - - - Pollen and nectar sources received during September were from wild flowers, fruit trees and cotton. The weather has been very dry with much higher than normal temperatures for this time of year. There was been very little rainfall accumulation during the month. Colonies are in good to poor condition. Demand and supplies are still in good shape.

**UTAH** - - - Most beekeepers report Utah bees to be in fair to good condition. Honey production was fair to average. Production was better at the tail end of the season than it was early. Some bees are still in the high mountain valleys and are in the process of pulling "supers" and extracting honey from their boxes.

**WASHINGTON** - - - Dry conditions continued to dominate the entire State the first three weeks of September. A few scattered rainshowers were reported, mainly in Western Washington, but did little to alleviate the drought conditions. Temperatures were cooler with highs in the 70's west of the Cascades and upper 70's to low 80's on the eastside. Finally, on the last day of September, significant rainshowers throughout the State brought relief to moisture levels. Vancouver accumulated 1.78" while the Pacific coast received a little over 2".

The bees are in fairly good condition but the only floral sources during the month were from irrigated crops such as alfalfa and blooming ornamental flowers and bushes.

The honey crop in Eastern Washington is reported to be below average. Poor conditions for the bees during the season did not help build up good populations even though supplemental feed was frequently added. Beekeepers are hoping for the best as the bees are either wintered locally or taken to winter locations in California.

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#### U.S. EXPORTS OF HONEY BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, QUANTITY & VALUE

|                                                                                   | <b>J U L Y</b> |         | <b>2 0 0 5</b> |         | <b>Y E A R T O D A T E</b> |           | <b>2 0 0 5</b> |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|
|                                                                                   | QUANTITY       | VALUE   | QUANTITY       | VALUE   | QUANTITY                   | VALUE     | QUANTITY       | VALUE   |
|                                                                                   | Kilograms      | Dollars | Kilograms      | Dollars | Kilograms                  | Dollars   | Kilograms      | Dollars |
| <b>COMB HONEY &amp; HONEY PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE ----- DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE</b> |                |         |                |         |                            |           |                |         |
| Aruba                                                                             | 1,300          | 6,018   |                |         | 1,300                      | 6,018     |                |         |
| Bahrain                                                                           | 4,438          | 9,107   |                |         | 5,252                      | 14,090    |                |         |
| Barbados                                                                          | 531            | 3,787   |                |         | 2,099                      | 9,097     |                |         |
| China; Peoples Republic of                                                        | 0              | 0       |                |         | 18,392                     | 59,047    |                |         |
| Cyprus                                                                            | 0              | 0       |                |         | 44,383                     | 58,218    |                |         |
| Dominican Republic                                                                | 0              | 0       |                |         | 4,955                      | 6,500     |                |         |
| Germany                                                                           | 20,008         | 49,020  |                |         | 20,008                     | 49,020    |                |         |
| India                                                                             | 24,041         | 62,740  |                |         | 24,041                     | 62,740    |                |         |
| Japan                                                                             | 12,461         | 30,524  |                |         | 28,920                     | 79,418    |                |         |
| Korea; Republic of                                                                | 0              | 0       |                |         | 560                        | 3,418     |                |         |
| Kuwait                                                                            | 0              | 0       |                |         | 129,038                    | 173,856   |                |         |
| Malaysia                                                                          | 0              | 0       |                |         | 8,512                      | 11,165    |                |         |
| Mexico                                                                            | 0              | 0       |                |         | 5,098                      | 6,687     |                |         |
| Nicaragua                                                                         | 0              | 0       |                |         | 2,287                      | 3,000     |                |         |
| Oman                                                                              | 0              | 0       |                |         | 14,359                     | 18,835    |                |         |
| Pakistan                                                                          | 0              | 0       |                |         | 48,571                     | 63,712    |                |         |
| Panama                                                                            | 1,100          | 5,054   |                |         | 1,100                      | 5,054     |                |         |
| Philippines                                                                       | 0              | 0       |                |         | 156,467                    | 206,054   |                |         |
| Saudi Arabia                                                                      | 13,511         | 41,435  |                |         | 256,677                    | 368,078   |                |         |
| Singapore                                                                         | 0              | 0       |                |         | 6,393                      | 13,970    |                |         |
| Taiwan                                                                            | 757            | 3,031   |                |         | 1,761                      | 8,126     |                |         |
| United Arab Emirates                                                              | 0              | 0       |                |         | 50,180                     | 65,823    |                |         |
| Yemen                                                                             | 62,819         | 108,974 |                |         | 124,689                    | 234,067   |                |         |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                                                                   |                |         |                |         |                            |           |                |         |
|                                                                                   | 140,966        | 319,690 |                |         | 955,042                    | 1,525,993 |                |         |

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| <b>HONEY, NATURAL, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED ----- DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE</b> |        |         |  |  |         |         |  |  |
| Aruba                                                                                  | 0      | 0       |  |  | 1,830   | 8,630   |  |  |
| Australia                                                                              | 13,440 | 32,590  |  |  | 26,780  | 64,990  |  |  |
| The Bahamas                                                                            | 1,386  | 3,983   |  |  | 3,867   | 10,682  |  |  |
| Barbados                                                                               | 0      | 0       |  |  | 561     | 2,527   |  |  |
| Bermuda                                                                                | 593    | 2,935   |  |  | 1,962   | 9,569   |  |  |
| Canada                                                                                 | 86,806 | 180,460 |  |  | 361,803 | 951,434 |  |  |
| Cayman Islands                                                                         | 0      | 0       |  |  | 3,732   | 4,896   |  |  |

## EXPORTS continued...

| <b>HONEY, NATURAL, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED</b> |                |                | <b>DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE</b> |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| China; Peoples Republic of                                  | 0              | 0              | 28,318                      | 34,479           |
| Costa Rica                                                  | 0              | 0              | 8,670                       | 27,129           |
| Germany                                                     | 0              | 0              | 14,000                      | 32,425           |
| Guadeloupe                                                  | 0              | 0              | 6,036                       | 20,988           |
| Hong Kong                                                   | 0              | 0              | 4,663                       | 19,640           |
| Iceland                                                     | 0              | 0              | 445                         | 3,840            |
| Indonesia                                                   | 907            | 3,710          | 11,684                      | 33,785           |
| Israel                                                      | 40,400         | 92,357         | 40,400                      | 83,920           |
| Japan                                                       | 77,297         | 92,357         | 259,801                     | 292,554          |
| Korea; Republic of                                          | 374            | 2,930          | 29,476                      | 99,658           |
| Netherlands                                                 | 964            | 5,735          | 5,241                       | 18,560           |
| Panama                                                      | 0              | 0              | 1,616                       | 7,580            |
| Singapore                                                   | 1,446          | 7,511          | 15,048                      | 25,353           |
| United Kingdom                                              | 0              | 0              | 19,269                      | 25,275           |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                                             | <b>223,613</b> | <b>416,131</b> | <b>845,212</b>              | <b>1,777,914</b> |
| <b>=====</b>                                                |                |                |                             |                  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                                          | <b>364,579</b> | <b>735,821</b> | <b>1,800,254</b>            | <b>3,303,907</b> |

## U. S. IMPORTS OF HONEY BY COUNTRY, QUANTITY AND VALUE

| COUNTRY                                                        | J U L Y 2005          |                             |                            | YEAR TO DATE 2005     |                             |                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                                | QUANTITY<br>kilograms | CUSTOMS<br>VALUE<br>dollars | C.I.F.<br>VALUE<br>dollars | QUANTITY<br>kilograms | CUSTOMS<br>VALUE<br>dollars | C.I.F.<br>VALUE<br>dollars |
| <b>NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - WHITE</b> |                       |                             |                            |                       |                             |                            |
| Argentina                                                      | 1,388,908             | 1,728,689                   | 1,875,622                  | 6,639,873             | 9,771,868                   | 10,579,412                 |
| Australia                                                      | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 191,741               | 287,146                     | 306,209                    |
| Brazil                                                         | 20,700                | 23,586                      | 26,509                     | 216,055               | 338,873                     | 371,362                    |
| Canada                                                         | 318,469               | 535,181                     | 539,907                    | 3,888,899             | 6,788,016                   | 6,858,065                  |
| Chile                                                          | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 348,772               | 559,551                     | 605,762                    |
| China; Peoples Republic                                        | 992,628               | 637,072                     | 725,952                    | 8,572,400             | 6,738,806                   | 8,037,976                  |
| France                                                         | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 1,683                 | 12,342                      | 13,439                     |
| Germany                                                        | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 60,260                | 68,853                      | 75,928                     |
| India                                                          | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 1,974,865             | 2,117,097                   | 2,378,150                  |
| Italy                                                          | 838                   | 2,300                       | 2,595                      | 2,548                 | 7,712                       | 8,456                      |
| Mexico                                                         | 19,181                | 31,928                      | 32,068                     | 344,967               | 584,299                     | 609,016                    |
| New Zealand*                                                   | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 2,700                 | 17,535                      | 18,180                     |
| Pakistan                                                       | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 133,000               | 179,170                     | 201,834                    |
| Peru                                                           | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 39,600                | 53,452                      | 58,733                     |
| Romania                                                        | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 93,000                | 169,085                     | 183,210                    |
| Russian Federation                                             | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 454,721               | 504,333                     | 600,070                    |
| Turkey                                                         | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 2,650                 | 5,415                       | 6,777                      |
| Ukraine                                                        | 18,850                | 24,505                      | 27,505                     | 37,700                | 50,895                      | 56,895                     |
| United Kingdom                                                 | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 29,025                | 92,578                      | 100,556                    |
| Uruguay                                                        | 25,588                | 27,318                      | 31,052                     | 735,821               | 1,057,536                   | 1,147,058                  |
| Uzbekistan, Republic of                                        | 0                     | 0                           | 0                          | 17,270                | 16,264                      | 18,997                     |
| Vietnam                                                        | 135,550               | 118,645                     | 125,511                    | 646,910               | 654,548                     | 751,251                    |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                                                | <b>2,920,712</b>      | <b>3,129,224</b>            | <b>3,386,721</b>           | <b>24,434,460</b>     | <b>30,075,374</b>           | <b>32,987,336</b>          |

*IMPORTS (continued)...***NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - EXTRA LIGHT AMBER**

|                            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Argentina                  | 433,392          | 483,546          | 533,756          | 2,810,237        | 3,805,574         | 4,114,439         |
| Australia                  | 0                | 0                | 0                | 67,481           | 109,315           | 117,601           |
| Austria                    | 0                | 0                | 0                | 3,604            | 22,376            | 23,786            |
| Brazil                     | 113,748          | 120,591          | 132,766          | 307,087          | 380,120           | 419,546           |
| Canada                     | 9,955            | 13,943           | 14,042           | 138,358          | 275,187           | 278,055           |
| Chile                      | 77,712           | 93,731           | 102,604          | 466,208          | 632,328           | 693,522           |
| China; Peoples Republic of | 445,347          | 330,368          | 372,871          | 2,259,363        | 1,767,362         | 2,016,243         |
| Egypt                      | 0                | 0                | 0                | 40,185           | 81,270            | 83,770            |
| India                      | 37,548           | 37,790           | 43,596           | 788,497          | 818,201           | 905,304           |
| Indonesia                  | 0                | 0                | 0                | 278,400          | 230,480           | 268,980           |
| Mexico                     | 0                | 0                | 0                | 165,262          | 258,567           | 280,544           |
| Romania                    | 0                | 0                | 0                | 56,280           | 104,360           | 110,325           |
| Russian Federation         | 0                | 0                | 0                | 19,045           | 20,854            | 24,585            |
| Uruguay                    | 110,228          | 127,110          | 141,796          | 2,053,890        | 2,900,707         | 3,133,637         |
| Vietnam                    | 0                | 0                | 0                | 168,960          | 196,950           | 220,842           |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>            | <b>1,227,930</b> | <b>1,207,079</b> | <b>1,341,431</b> | <b>9,622,857</b> | <b>11,603,651</b> | <b>12,691,179</b> |

**NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - LIGHT AMBER**

|                            |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Argentina                  | 445,229          | 553,420          | 595,366          | 1,297,157         | 1,762,174         | 1,918,143         |
| Brazil                     | 96,393           | 109,383          | 119,903          | 1,370,422         | 1,865,271         | 2,079,952         |
| Bulgaria                   | 0                | 0                | 0                | 4,038             | 14,114            | 15,694            |
| Canada                     | 0                | 0                | 0                | 76,245            | 115,483           | 117,383           |
| Chile                      | 58,697           | 64,467           | 71,527           | 58,697            | 64,467            | 71,527            |
| China; Peoples Republic of | 185,600          | 111,360          | 111,364          | 3,093,912         | 1,861,800         | 2,183,196         |
| Dominican Republic         | 0                | 0                | 0                | 3,316             | 10,400            | 10,851            |
| France                     | 3,703            | 27,152           | 28,431           | 6,732             | 49,368            | 51,842            |
| India                      | 294,600          | 323,527          | 365,950          | 2,556,592         | 2,725,783         | 3,193,372         |
| Indonesia                  | 0                | 0                | 0                | 185,600           | 168,896           | 206,016           |
| Iran                       | 0                | 0                | 0                | 4,739             | 9,000             | 9,869             |
| Israel                     | 4,866            | 43,308           | 44,871           | 4,866             | 43,308            | 44,871            |
| Italy                      | 0                | 0                | 0                | 3,590             | 16,322            | 17,496            |
| Lithuania                  | 0                | 0                | 0                | 4,368             | 15,703            | 16,734            |
| Mexico                     | 56,208           | 85,894           | 90,535           | 397,884           | 618,451           | 647,807           |
| New Zealand*               | 0                | 0                | 0                | 18,631            | 37,053            | 38,236            |
| Philippines                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 71,920            | 69,475            | 83,428            |
| Romania                    | 0                | 0                | 0                | 42,580            | 83,483            | 89,310            |
| Russian Federation         | 0                | 0                | 0                | 366,161           | 369,354           | 443,599           |
| Spain                      | 887              | 6,662            | 6,861            | 8,066             | 25,164            | 26,664            |
| Switzerland                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 8,066             | 25,164            | 26,664            |
| Taiwan                     | 825              | 2,475            | 2,731            | 3,975             | 10,924            | 11,832            |
| Thailand                   | 0                | 0                | 0                | 275,990           | 326,440           | 355,739           |
| Ukraine                    | 0                | 0                | 0                | 174,561           | 283,769           | 306,666           |
| United Kingdom             | 0                | 0                | 0                | 956               | 7,597             | 7,697             |
| Uruguay                    | 194,488          | 217,099          | 242,374          | 906,856           | 1,124,526         | 1,242,383         |
| Venezuela                  | 0                | 0                | 0                | 14,199            | 87,516            | 90,609            |
| Vietnam                    | 2,404,287        | 2,168,750        | 2,489,940        | 8,319,037         | 7,799,006         | 8,937,893         |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>            | <b>3,745,783</b> | <b>3,713,497</b> | <b>4,168,853</b> | <b>19,276,604</b> | <b>19,597,345</b> | <b>22,198,613</b> |

**NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE – NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INDICATED**

|                            |        |         |         |         |         |         |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Argentina                  | 13,426 | 9,734   | 12,052  | 38,993  | 54,619  | 61,581  |
| Australia                  | 0      | 0       | 0       | 10,967  | 68,484  | 71,068  |
| Brazil                     | 78,200 | 113,988 | 129,499 | 195,110 | 210,598 | 346,161 |
| Canada                     | 0      | 0       | 0       | 80,273  | 77,125  | 79,093  |
| China, Peoples Republic of | 0      | 0       | 0       | 130     | 2,800   | 3,150   |
| Dominican Republic         | 0      | 0       | 0       | 95,937  | 65,435  | 71,176  |
| Ethiopia                   | 0      | 0       | 0       | 792     | 2,272   | 2,549   |
| France                     | 150    | 2,212   | 2,787   | 508     | 7,814   | 9,395   |
| Greece                     | 0      | 0       | 0       | 720     | 2,397   | 2,721   |
| India                      | 93,000 | 93,620  | 101,848 | 353,400 | 353,400 | 396,245 |
| Israel                     | 0      | 0       | 0       | 4,003   | 8,771   | 9,184   |

*IMPORTS (continued)...***NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE – NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INDICATED**

|                 |                |                |                |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Italy           | 0              | 0              | 0              | 8,406            | 25,732           | 27,057           |
| Lebanon         | 0              | 0              | 0              | 300              | 3,900            | 4,163            |
| Malaysia        | 38,038         | 93,603         | 100,016        | 97,688           | 235,064          | 250,769          |
| Mexico          | 0              | 0              | 0              | 120,122          | 235,236          | 236,845          |
| New Zealand*    | 0              | 0              | 0              | 25,917           | 193,853          | 197,659          |
| Spain           | 0              | 0              | 0              | 7,667            | 39,407           | 41,107           |
| Switzerland     | 0              | 0              | 0              | 10,665           | 106,870          | 112,059          |
| Taiwan          | 0              | 0              | 0              | 600              | 4,430            | 4,660            |
| Turkey          | 0              | 0              | 0              | 11,424           | 47,700           | 50,141           |
| United Kingdom  | 0              | 0              | 0              | 7,840            | 13,828           | 14,042           |
| Vietnam         | 39,000         | 35,100         | 42,700         | 77,860           | 71,605           | 85,875           |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b> | <b>261,814</b> | <b>348,257</b> | <b>388,902</b> | <b>1,149,322</b> | <b>1,931,495</b> | <b>2,076,700</b> |

**HONEY – COMB AND RETAIL**

|                            |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Argentina                  | 0              | 0                | 0                | 2,400            | 7,152            | 8,097            |
| Armenia; Republic of       | 0              | 0                | 0                | 13,809           | 83,425           | 88,253           |
| Australia                  | 0              | 0                | 0                | 3,921            | 14,493           | 14,948           |
| Austria                    | 0              | 0                | 0                | 12,823           | 115,741          | 123,672          |
| Belgium                    | 459            | 2,601            | 2,726            | 2,159            | 10,772           | 11,217           |
| Brazil                     | 0              | 0                | 0                | 6,594            | 15,193           | 16,060           |
| Bulgaria                   | 7,075          | 25,237           | 26,661           | 76,668           | 203,298          | 224,048          |
| Canada                     | 92,278         | 408,336          | 410,335          | 761,643          | 3,180,984        | 3,199,860        |
| China; Peoples Republic of | 0              | 0                | 0                | 7,831            | 9,245            | 10,349           |
| Croatia                    | 0              | 0                | 0                | 1,017            | 3,257            | 3,776            |
| Dominican Republic         | 0              | 0                | 0                | 36,480           | 60,000           | 62,910           |
| Egypt                      | 0              | 0                | 0                | 7,580            | 14,531           | 16,894           |
| France                     | 306            | 4,616            | 4,831            | 15,293           | 87,358           | 92,694           |
| Germany                    | 0              | 0                | 0                | 33,664           | 119,517          | 125,964          |
| Greece                     | 0              | 0                | 0                | 28,331           | 250,942          | 256,780          |
| Hong Kong                  | 0              | 0                | 0                | 1,608            | 8,844            | 9,112            |
| Hungary                    | 16,965         | 27,646           | 30,126           | 155,859          | 227,510          | 271,327          |
| India                      | 36,500         | 76,949           | 82,716           | 154,218          | 308,876          | 335,569          |
| Indonesia                  | 435            | 5,414            | 5,430            | 1,137            | 12,331           | 12,927           |
| Israel                     | 7,210          | 27,927           | 27,957           | 8,323            | 33,303           | 33,705           |
| Italy                      | 4,797          | 19,186           | 19,694           | 29,611           | 141,136          | 148,975          |
| Korea; Republic of         | 0              | 0                | 0                | 19,760           | 17,283           | 20,433           |
| Lebanon                    | 690            | 8,970            | 9,281            | 690              | 8,970            | 9,281            |
| Lithuania                  | 0              | 0                | 0                | 1,843            | 7,789            | 8,568            |
| Mexico                     | 0              | 0                | 0                | 21,479           | 53,653           | 53,909           |
| New Zealand *              | 14,355         | 34,685           | 37,109           | 97,134           | 431,607          | 451,201          |
| Pakistan                   | 0              | 0                | 0                | 1,800            | 4,950            | 5,602            |
| Poland                     | 0              | 0                | 0                | 22,426           | 138,649          | 144,164          |
| Portugal                   | 0              | 0                | 0                | 8,708            | 23,394           | 24,708           |
| Russian Federation         | 0              | 0                | 0                | 27,904           | 81,334           | 90,504           |
| Spain                      | 6,514          | 30,766           | 32,558           | 6,688            | 33,113           | 35,033           |
| Switzerland                | 3,863          | 17,295           | 18,166           | 27,314           | 182,498          | 190,619          |
| Taiwan                     | 338,064        | 348,841          | 398,862          | 2,354,892        | 2,457,999        | 2,786,464        |
| Turkey                     | 26,377         | 92,526           | 96,884           | 142,038          | 458,033          | 486,706          |
| Ukraine                    | 7,500          | 11,443           | 12,159           | 19,005           | 26,966           | 28,781           |
| United Kingdom             | 0              | 0                | 0                | 229              | 3,531            | 3,817            |
| Uruguay                    | 0              | 0                | 0                | 54,126           | 146,350          | 155,710          |
| Uzbekistan; Republic of    | 0              | 0                | 0                | 7,500            | 21,907           | 25,387           |
| Vietnam                    | 0              | 0                | 0                | 47,905           | 102,018          | 112,218          |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>            | <b>563,388</b> | <b>1,141,438</b> | <b>1,215,495</b> | <b>4,222,410</b> | <b>9,107,952</b> | <b>9,700,242</b> |

**FLAVORED HONEY**

|                            |   |   |   |        |        |        |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Brazil                     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,679  | 26,933 | 28,758 |
| Canada                     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16,766 | 33,224 | 33,724 |
| China; Peoples Republic of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24,726 | 23,100 | 28,161 |



*IMPORTS (continued)...***FLAVORED HONEY**

|                |       |        |        |        |         |         |
|----------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Colombia       | 0     | 0      | 0      | 1,176  | 3,564   | 3,694   |
| Denmark        | 0     | 0      | 0      | 83     | 25,898  | 26,292  |
| France         | 0     | 0      | 0      | 904    | 10,624  | 10,922  |
| India          | 0     | 0      | 0      | 60     | 3,295   | 3,645   |
| Italy          | 478   | 3,043  | 3,096  | 2,708  | 23,430  | 24,459  |
| Malaysia       | 0     | 0      | 0      | 283    | 37,247  | 38,120  |
| Mexico         | 2,858 | 50,894 | 51,586 | 34,933 | 599,656 | 604,895 |
| Sri Lanka      | 0     | 0      | 0      | 19,656 | 25,740  | 25,742  |
| Taiwan         | 0     | 0      | 0      | 16,126 | 9,084   | 10,568  |
| Thailand       | 3,314 | 9,230  | 9,814  | 18,008 | 46,650  | 49,859  |
| United Kingdom | 0     | 0      | 0      | 555    | 3,490   | 4,490   |

|                    |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>    | <b>6,650</b>     | <b>63,167</b>    | <b>64,496</b>     | <b>137,663</b>    | <b>871,935</b>    | <b>893,329</b>    |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>8,726,277</b> | <b>9,602,662</b> | <b>10,565,898</b> | <b>58,843,316</b> | <b>73,187,752</b> | <b>80,547,399</b> |

\* Excluding Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau

SOURCE: Department of Commerce, Foreign Trade Division